



**Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

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FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: July 30, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 070

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Friday, August 15, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, August 29, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

**Dried Fruit and Nut Mix    24/1 lb.            40,768 cases**

**No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Ingredients composed of the following combination in equal portions – 20 percent of each product: Dried date pieces (chopped/extruded), dried almonds, dried fig pieces, dried cherries, and Natural (sun-dried) seedless raisins (must be coated with vegetable oil).**

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2008 or later crop year.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System

(DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
 INVITATION : 070  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 60 FRUIT AND NUT MIX, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 20 24/1 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/01/08 - 10/15/08					
001	HATFIELD	MA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	SHREWSBURY	MA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
002	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,092	_____
	LOWELL	MA	TRUCK ONLY	364	_____
003	BUFFALO	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____ **
004	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
005	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
006	ELMIRA	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,912	_____
007	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	856	_____
	WESTLAND	MI	TRUCK ONLY	600	_____
008	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
009	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
010	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
011	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
	GARDEN GROVE	CA	TRUCK ONLY	728	_____
012	CONCORD	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
013	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
014	SAN DIEGO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
015	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	971	_____

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	SPOKANE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	280	
	YAKIMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	205	
016	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	439	
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	678	
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	339	
DELIVERY PERIOD 10/16/08 - 10/31/08					
017	BATTLE CREEK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	DETROIT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	364	
	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	728	
018	DARIEN	WI	TRUCK ONLY	976	
	EAU CLAIRE	WI		480	
DELIVERY PERIOD 11/01/08 - 11/15/08					
019	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
020	SAN ANTONIO	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/01/08 - 12/15/08					
021	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	
022	EDGEWOOD	KY	TRUCK ONLY	250	
	LEXINGTON	KY	TRUCK ONLY	904	
	PRESTONSBURG	KY	TRUCK ONLY	302	
023	ELIZABETHTOWN	KY	TRUCK ONLY	603	
	LOUISVILLE	KY	TRUCK ONLY	603	
	MAYFIELD	KY	TRUCK ONLY	250	
024	DALLAS	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	

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025	HOUSTON	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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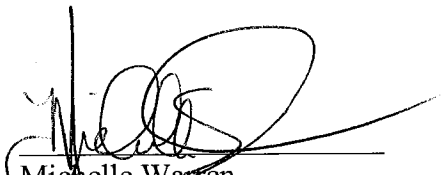
DELIVERY PERIOD 12/16/08 - 12/31/08

026	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,456	_____
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027	SIOUX FALLS	SD		1,456	_____
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TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 40,768

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 Commodity Procurement Branch  
 Fruit and Vegetable Programs

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